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10 ORIENTATION--information especially likely to be needed by users of a file as a frame of reference for understanding the materials classified elsewhere; organization of the file, special coding decisions, and evaluation of the file.

[Guide to the OO12 Malekula File]

[This file is based on one major and two minor sources. The major source is 1: Layard. This work is devoted in large part to various aspects of non-material culture, i.e., magic, religion, social organization and marriage patterns. The article by Layard, source number 2, presents some additional information not contained in his major work. 3: Harrisson describes some of the effects of culture contact.

The file is confined to the Small Islands of Atchin and Vao. No sources have been processed dealing with the culturally distinct peoples of Malekula Island proper.

This file lacks adequate information on many aspects of material culture. Economic life is also poorly covered. Social organization is covered in considerable detail as is magic and religion. All known published sources on the Small Islands have been utilized in this file.]

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